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steps of:

placing a radiation-curable polymer over a continuously axially-moving and manufactured base so as to form a layer of a printing blanket; and
curing the radiation-curable polymer using a radiation source.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 17 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103.

Claims 1 and 10 have been amended. Claims 16, 17 and 19 have been canceled without prejudice.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Prior Art Rejections

Claims 1 to 17 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103.

Claims 16, 17 and 19 relating to the resulting product have now been canceled.

Applicant has now amended claims 1 and 10 as suggested by the Examiner in the Office Action of December 4, 2002 at page 4 to recite continuously *manufacturing* a sleeve, which as noted by the Examiner is not shown by Cushner et al. It is thus respectfully submitted, as argued in the previous response by applicants and as noted by the Examiner, that claims 1 and 10, as well as their dependent claims, are allowable over the prior art of record.

Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejections is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request such action.

If any additional fees are deemed to be due at this time, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of the same to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Respectfully submitted,

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Re: Application of: **James Brian VROTACOE, et al.**
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VERSION SHOWING CHANGES

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Twice Amended) A device for manufacturing a printing blanket comprising:
 - a continuously axially-moving and manufactured base sleeve;
 - a liquid applicator applying a radiation-curing polymer to the base sleeve; and
 - a radiation source curing the radiation-curing polymer.

 10. (Twice Amended) A method for forming a tubular printing blanket comprising the steps of:
 - placing a radiation-curable polymer over a continuously axially-moving and manufactured base so as to form a layer of a printing blanket; and
 - curing the radiation-curable polymer using a radiation source.
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